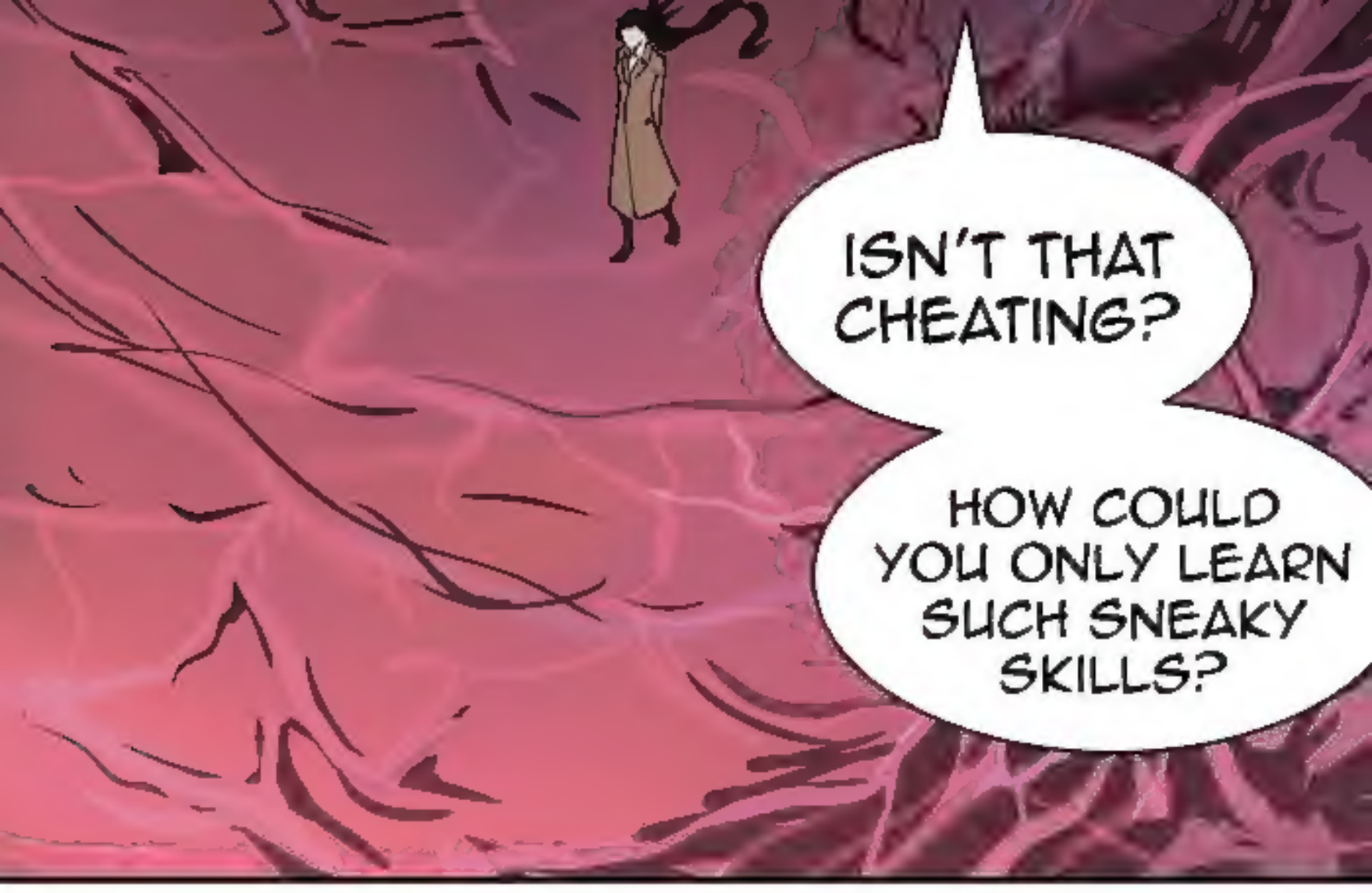
STEP—
HEY, HOW CAN YOU GET THE EFFECT OF NINE LIGHTHOUSES WITH JUST ONE?
STEP—


ISN'T THAT CHEATING?
HOW COULD YOU ONLY LEARN SUCH SNEAKY SKILLS?

ARE YOU JUST JEALOUS BECAUSE YOU WANT MY SKILLS SO BADLY?
I DON'T ENVY THAT KIND OF SKILL AT ALL~
HAH—
YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT A FISHERMAN ANYWAY.

...WELL, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY INCORRECT...
BUT ENNA CORE HAS ONE MORE SECRET THAT I DIDN'T TELL THE PRINCESS.

ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF AN IGNITION WEAPON NAMED 'BETA' WITHIN KHUN'S LIGHTHOUSE RIGHT NOW.

HE HAS BEEN A 'PART' IN THE LIGHTHOUSE FOR AGES JUST TO GET ON THE HELL TRAIN.

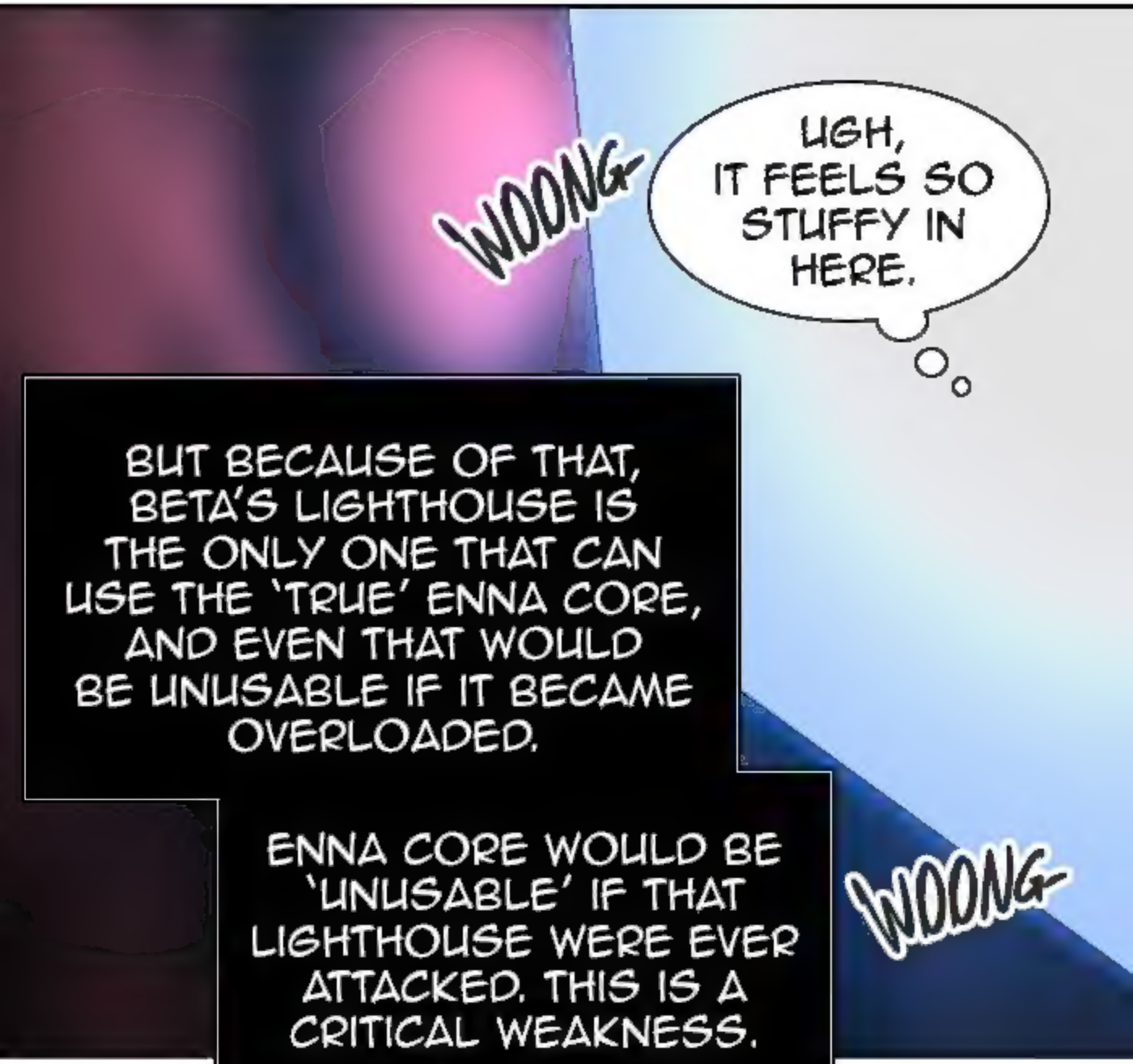
SINCE THAT WAY HE WOULD BE SEEN AS A 'WEAPON' AND ALLOWED ON THE HELL TRAIN.

BUT HIS PRESENCE HAPPENED TO BE THE SOLUTION THAT ALLOWED KHUN TO USE ENNA CORE.

IT'S THANKS TO HIS SUPPORT AS AN 'IGNITION WEAPON' THAT KHUN WAS ABLE TO PERFORM THE CALCULATIONS FOR ENNA CORE, SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL REGULARS TO HANDLE.

THE FACT THAT HE WAS IN THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS EXTREMELY LUCKY. SINCE ULTIMATELY, THE CALCULATIONS FOR ENNA CORE WERE MADE POSSIBLE WITH HIS HELP.

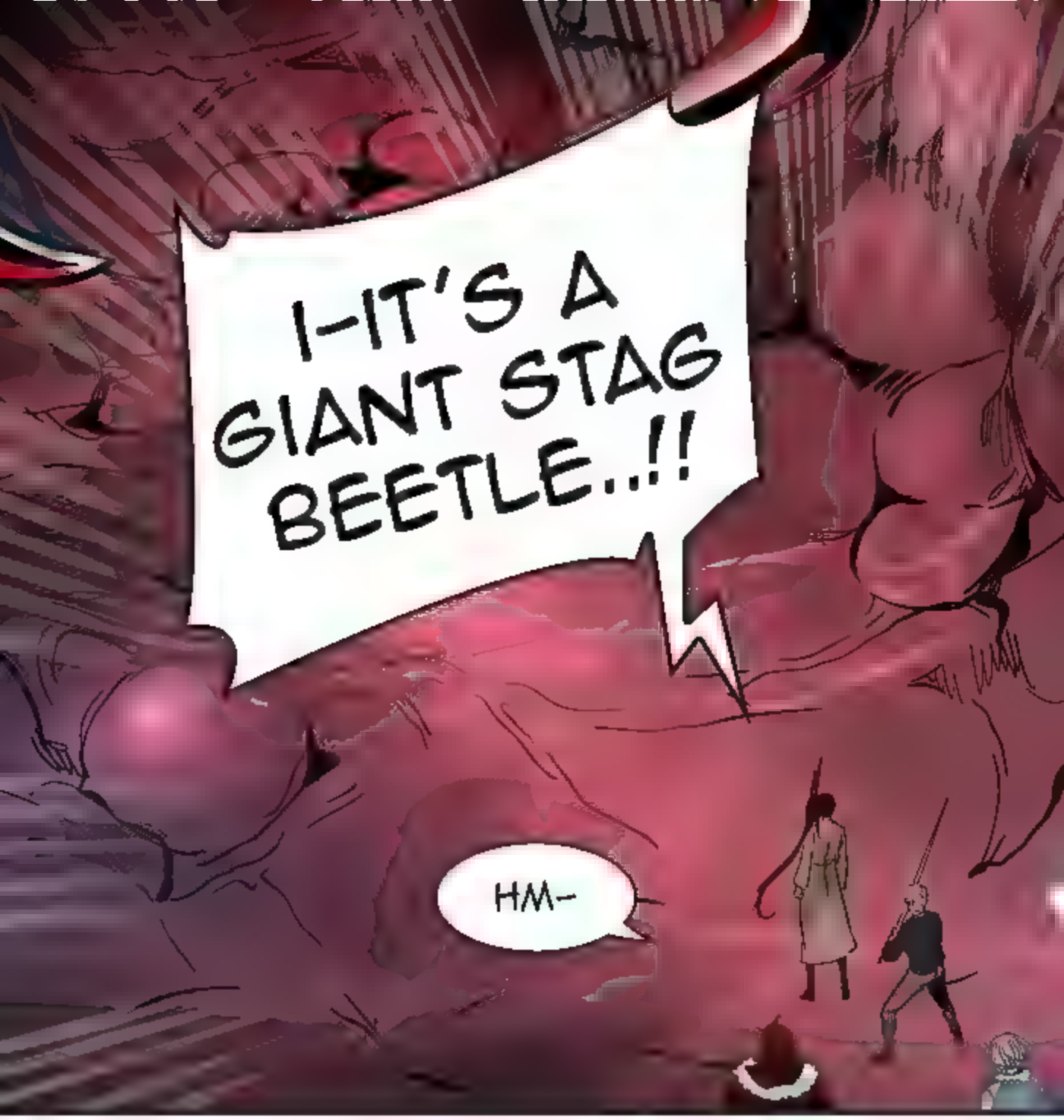
SO STRICTLY SPEAKING, THE CURRENT ENNA CORE IS PRACTICALLY A COLLABORATION BETWEEN KHUN AND BETA.


WOONG
UGH, IT FEELS SO STUFFY IN HERE.
BUT BECAUSE OF THAT, BETA'S LIGHTHOUSE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN USE THE 'TRUE' ENNA CORE, AND EVEN THAT WOULD BE UNUSABLE IF IT BECAME OVERLOADED.
ENNA CORE WOULD BE 'UNUSABLE' IF THAT LIGHTHOUSE WERE EVER ATTACKED. THIS IS A CRITICAL WEAKNESS.
WOONG

STILL, IT WAS AN UNEXPECTED BIT OF LUCK THAT THAT BOY IS ABLE TO USE ENNA CORE.
HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF IT AS LONG AS HIS WEAKNESS IS NOT EXPOSED.
...HM?

I THOUGHT I SAW SOMETHING APPROACHING AT A DISTANCE.
SURE ENOUGH, LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE!!
!!
GASP!!

KKKKK
KKKKKK


I-IT'S A GIANT STAG BEETLE..!!
HM-

THESE LOOK KIND OF TOUGH.

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Tower of God

ENTRANCE
(HALL)
TO THE FLOOR
OF DEATH
BAM AND
HOCKNEY'S GROUP
NOW-
HURRY UP AND
LET ME PASS.

HE'LL TAKE...
OUR SOULS?

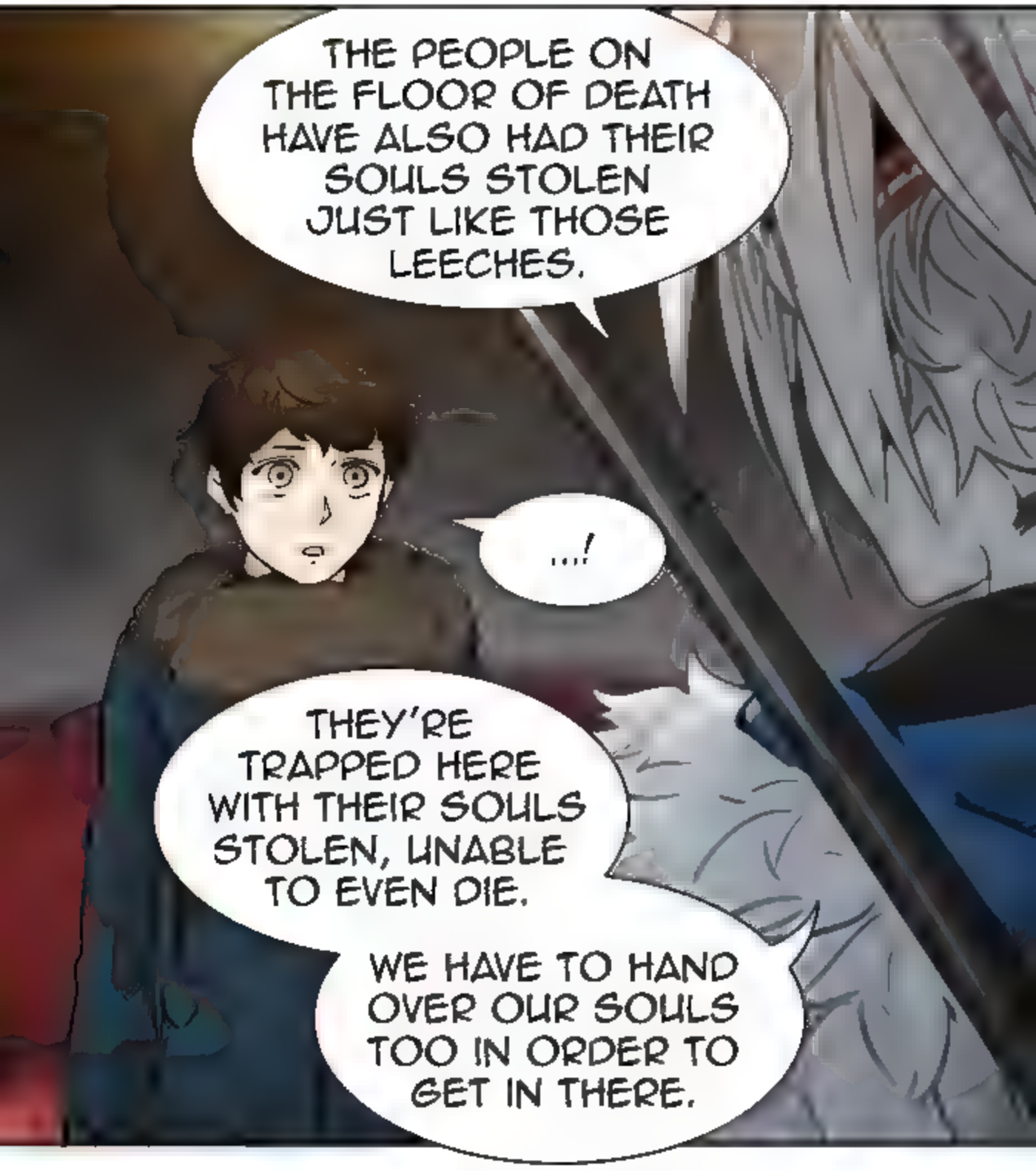
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...HE'S THE FINAL GATEKEEPER.
HE GUARDS THE ENTRANCE TO THE HALL AND STEALS THE SOULS OF ANYONE WHO TRIES TO ENTER.

GATEKEEPERS ARE A KIND OF SYSTEMATIC GROUP DIVIDED INTO WATCHMEN, EYE BUGS, AND GIANT LEECHES.

WHEN YOU DEFEAT A WATCHMAN, AN ORB COMES OUT OF THEM TO BUY TIME WHILE AN EYE BUG DETERMINES THE LOCATION OF THE ENEMY AND CALLS THE LEECHES.

LEECH GATEKEEPERS ARE GIANT BUGS WITHOUT A SOUL OR EGO.

THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T DIE NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU ATTACK THEM.


THE PEOPLE ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH HAVE ALSO HAD THEIR SOULS STOLEN JUST LIKE THOSE LEECHES.
...!
THEY'RE TRAPPED HERE WITH THEIR SOULS STOLEN, UNABLE TO EVEN DIE.
WE HAVE TO HAND OVER OUR SOULS TOO IN ORDER TO GET IN THERE.

PLUS ONCE YOU HAVE YOUR SOUL STOLEN, YOU CAN'T GET IT BACK.
IN OTHER WORDS... YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE FLOOR OF DEATH AGAIN.

...? BUT YOU LEFT THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
...THAT'S BECAUSE...
I DECIDED THAT YOU, PARASITE MATA WAS NOT ALLOWED-

NOE
RY
HISH
INTO THE FLOOR OF DEATH!!

WHAT?!
WHY NOT?!
I AM ONE OF THE 'DEAD' WHO HAS CLEARLY OFFERED YOU MY SOUL!!

YOU KNOW VERY WELL WHY YOU CANNOT ENTER.
I KNOW THAT THERE ARE TWO LIVING PEOPLE INSIDE THAT GIANT BUG OF YOURS.
!!

I AM THE ONE WHO SEES SOULS. YOU CANNOT DECEIVE MY EYES.
URGH...
SO WE'RE BUSTED..!!

THE LIVING CANNOT ENTER THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
SO THOSE TWO PEOPLE MUST ALSO HAND OVER THEIR SOULS AND BECOME THE 'DEAD.'

IF YOU WANT TO ENTER WITH THOSE TWO
FLOAT
FLOAT
GIVE THEIR SOULS TO THESE DIVINE SEA FISH.

...I KNEW IT... I GUESS WE FAILED TO TRICK HIM...
WHAT'S THAT...?

IT'S A DIVINE SEA FISH THAT TAKES AWAY SOULS.
IT'S KNOWN AS A 'SOUL DEVOURER.'
FLOAT
FLOAT

RIDE THIS GIANT BUG BACK TO YOUR COMPANIONS.
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITHOUT HAVING YOUR SOUL STOLEN.
THIS PLACE IS TOO MUCH FOR YOU GUYS TO HANDLE.
WHAT...?
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU...?

I'M GOING INSIDE EVEN IF I LOSE MY SOUL.
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO FIND INSIDE THERE.
.....!!

ARE YOU REALLY GOING, HOCKNEY?
OF COURSE. I DIDN'T COME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO TURN AROUND AND LEAVE.
STEP-
STEP-
THEN-!!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!!

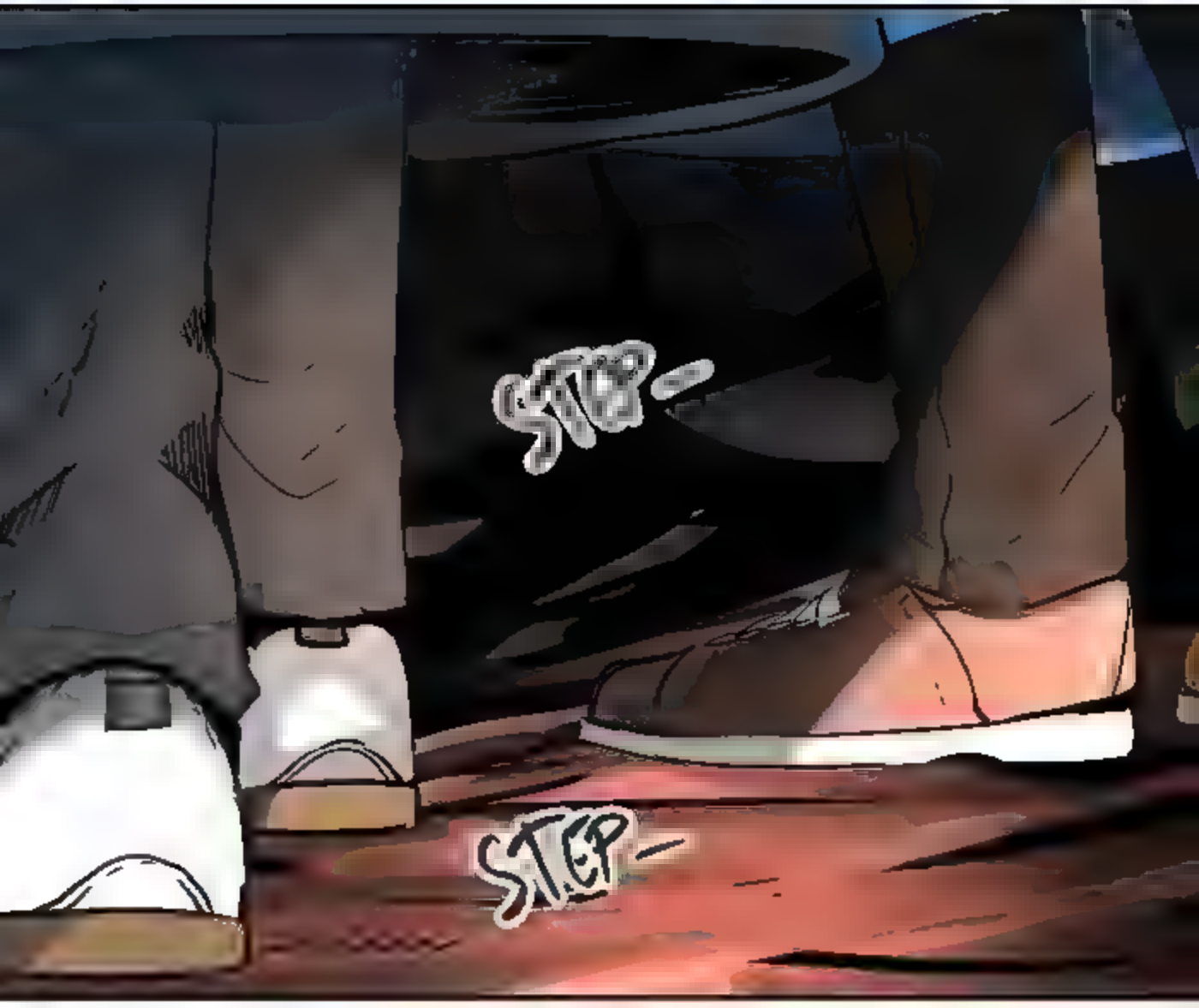
WHAT...?
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO FIND IN THERE TOO, EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE!!
I CAN'T TURN BACK NOW!!

I FELT SOME KIND OF LIGHT CALLING ME WHEN I ENTERED THIS PLACE!!
?
I HAVE TO FIND THAT LIGHT!!
...LIGHT?

LIGHT...
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING...
DID HE SEE SOMETHING ON THE WAY HERE...?
WHY IS HE PUTTING HIS LIFE ON THE LINE TO GET INTO THE FLOOR OF DEATH IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WHATEVER THE REASON... I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO STOP HIM.

ALRIGHT,
THEN...
FOLLOW ME.


STEP-
STEP-

SO IT'S YOU TWO.
THE INTRUDERS WHO ARE TRYING TO ENTER THE FLOOR OF DEATH...

TELL ME YOUR NAMES.
DAVID HOCKNEY.
THE TWENTY-FIFTH BAM...!

VERY WELL.
FLOAT-
HAND OVER YOUR SOULS.
FLOAT-

...?
WHISH—
SSK—
JUST STAY STILL.
THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE OUR SOULS.

YOU'LL STILL GO ON LIVING.
SSK-

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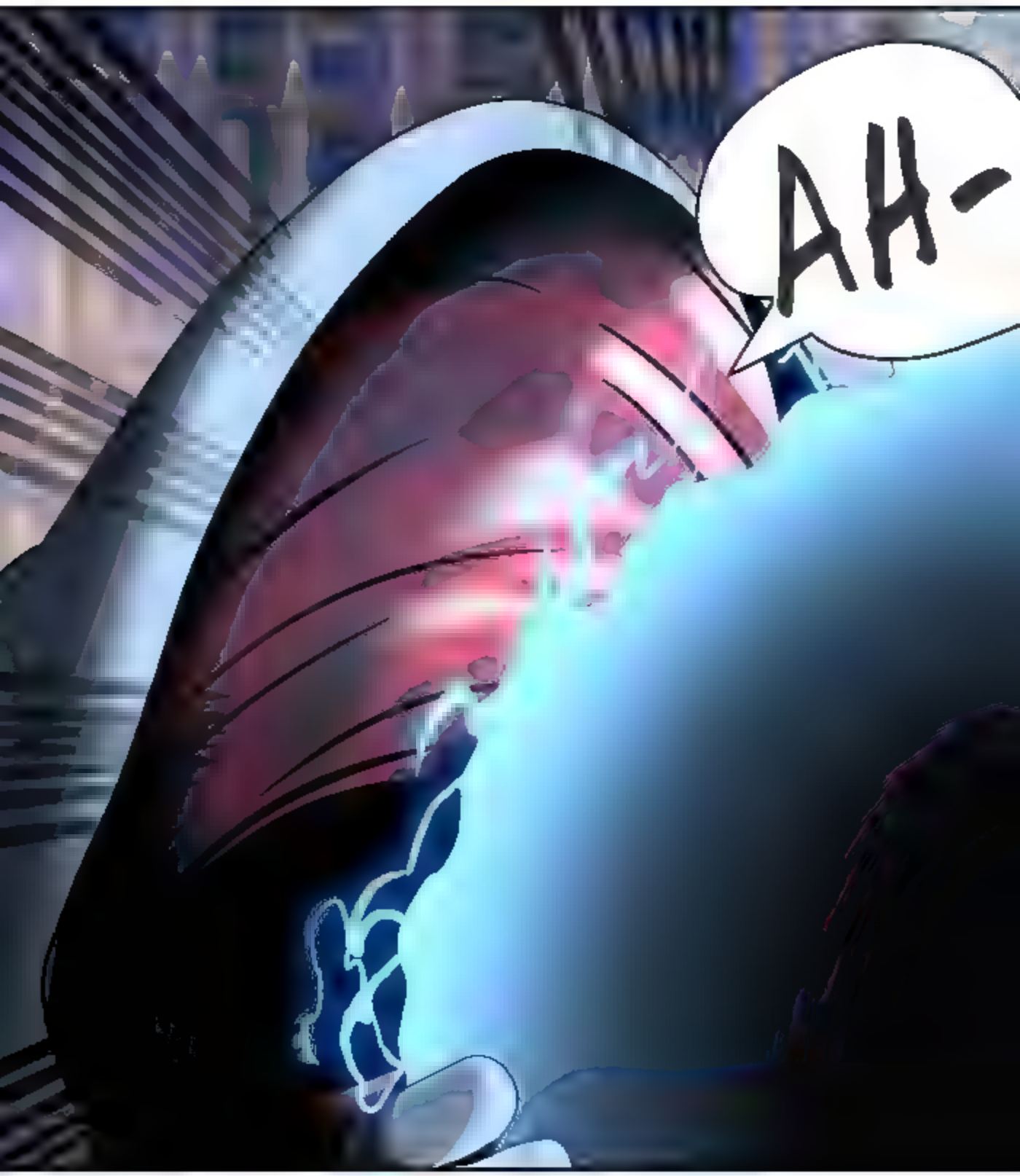

AH-

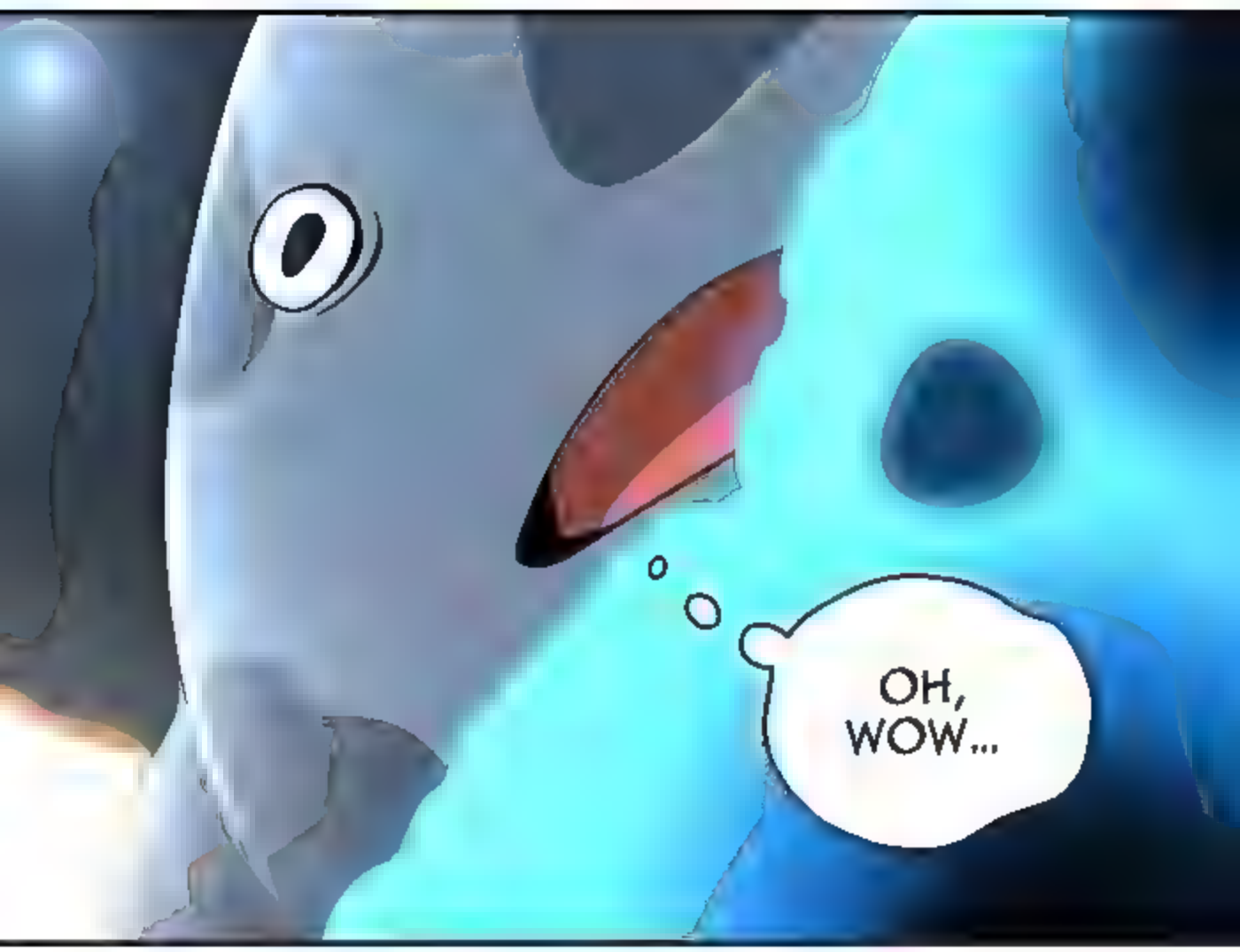
GULP-

....?
SOMETHING IS MISSING.
HM...

FLA
SH
.....!!

KRRRR
!!
RRR

WHAT THE..?! WHY DO YOU HAVE..
CHHHHHHHHH
SO MANY SOULS...!?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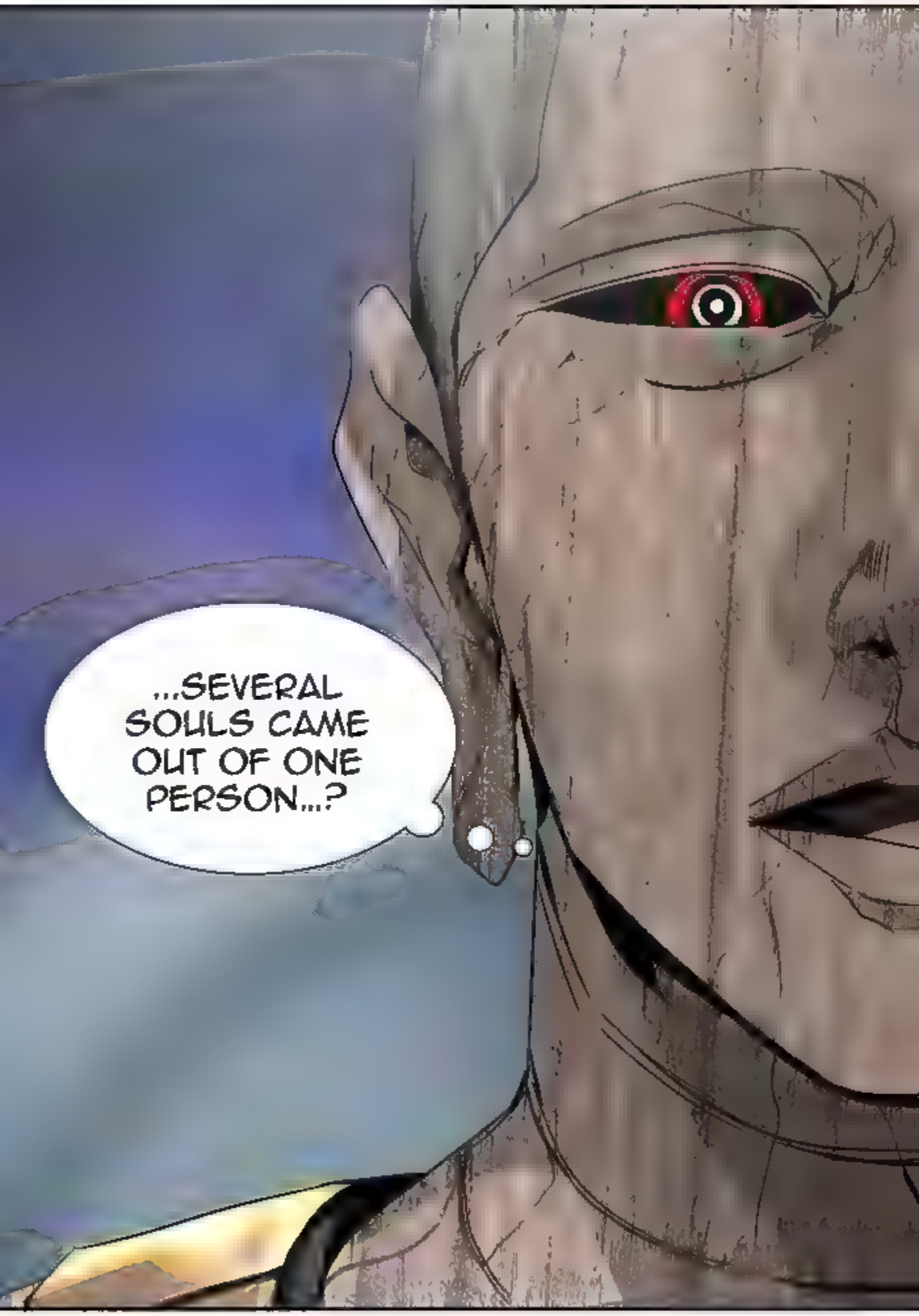
WOW...


...SEVERAL SOULS CAME OUT OF ONE PERSON...?

WHO ON EARTH... ARE YOU...?

AH...

THOSE ARE THE SOULS THAT I GOT FROM HOAQIN'S CLONE...!
FLOAT-
FLOAT-

UM... COULD I JUST LEAVE MY SOUL ONLY?
I HAVE TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE'S SOULS...

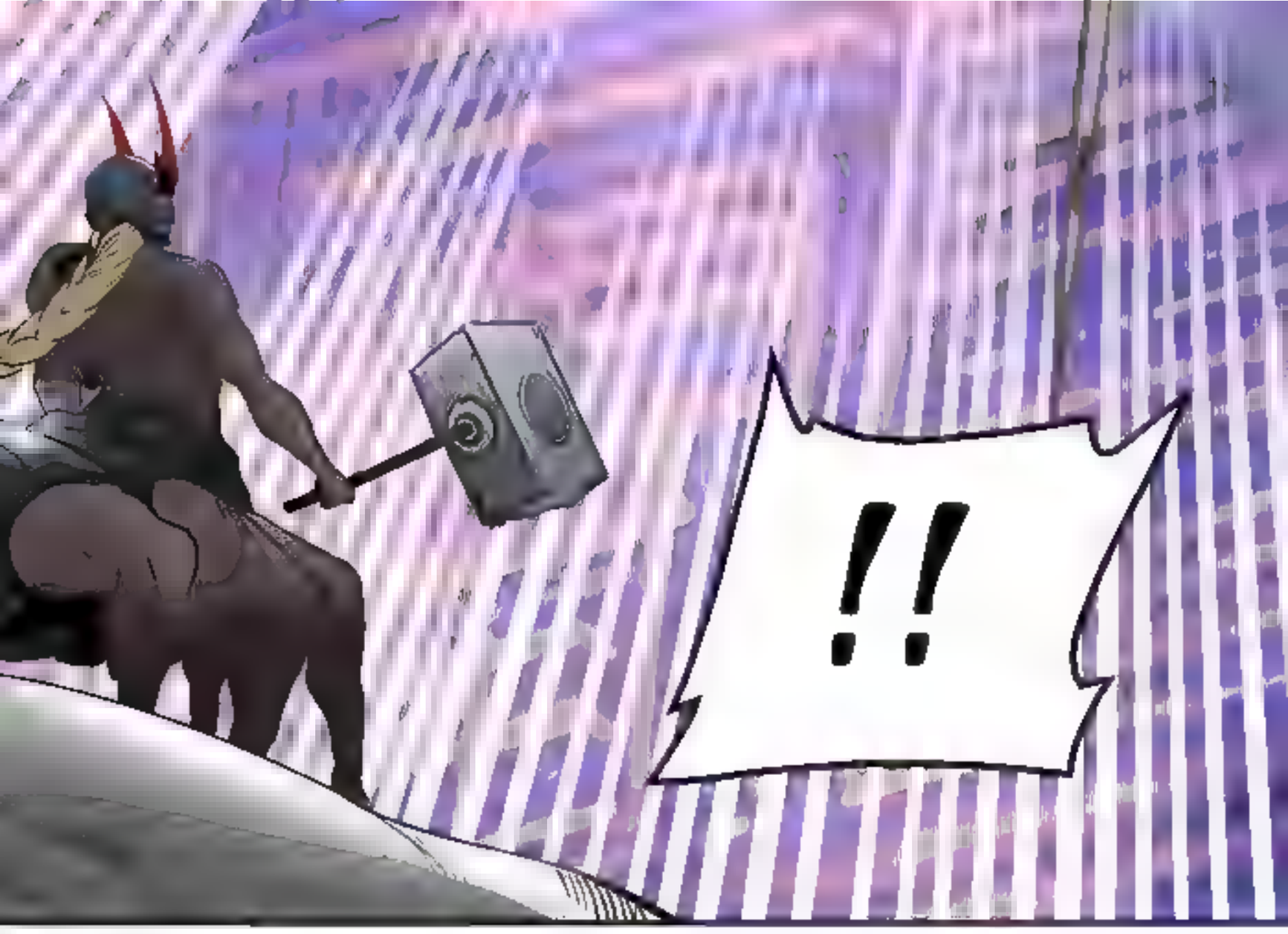
WHO...
ARE YOU?

A MONSTER?
.....

HE PROBABLY WON'T BELIEVE ME IF I TELL HIM ABOUT HOAQIN...
STILL, I ALSO CAN'T TELL HIM THAT I'M AN IRREGULAR..

I'M JUST AN ORDINARY REGULAR.
I'LL LEAVE MY SOUL WITH YOU SO PLEASE LET ME IN.

SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SWOOSH
SHHHHH
REQUEST DENIED.



WHISH

I..IT'S THE BAMBOO SPEARS!

THE FINAL GATEKEEPER'S SHINSU BAMBOO SPEARS!!

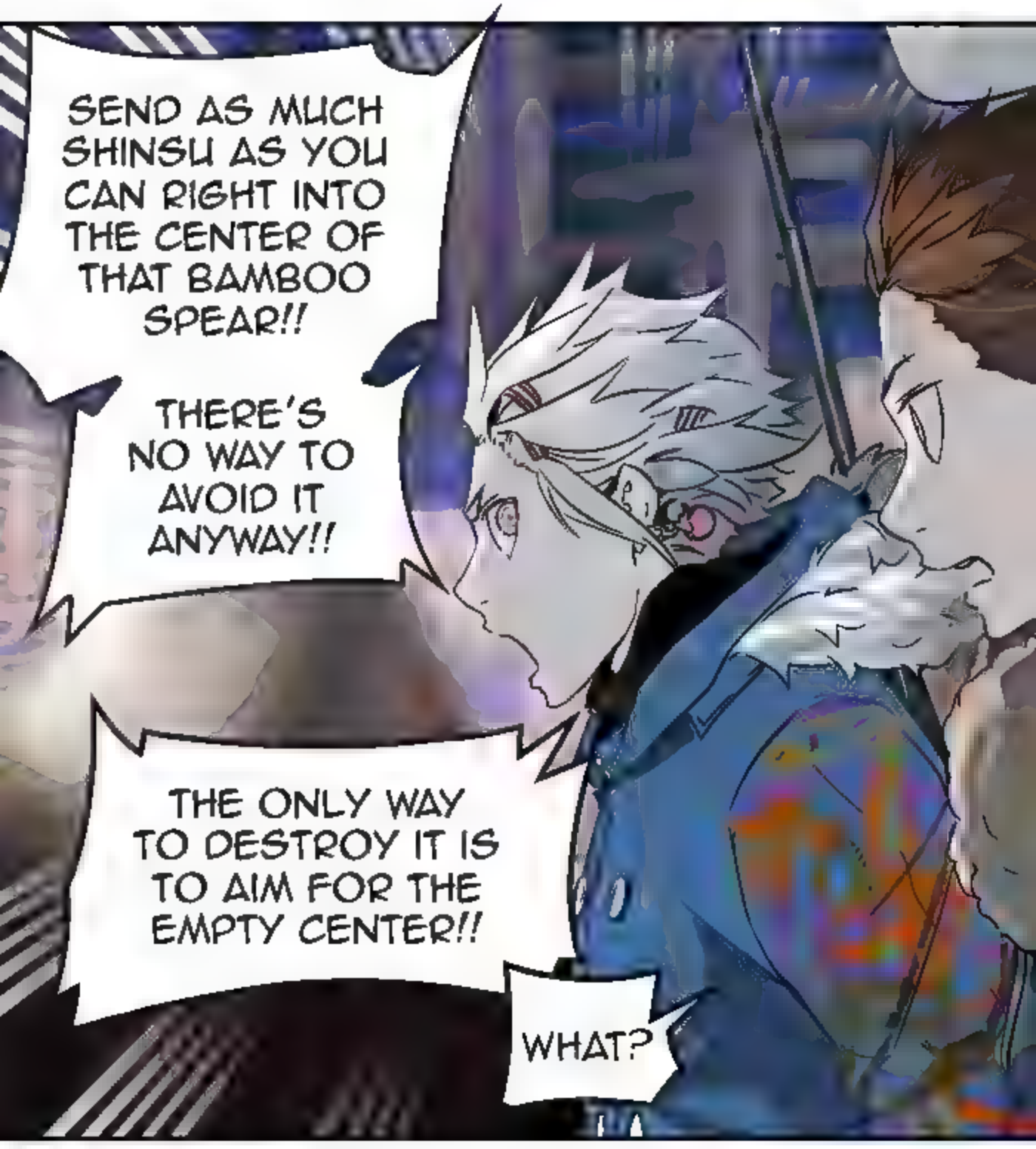
UGH!!
KSSSSSSHH

THAT RED LIGHT...?
KRRRRRRRRRR

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO TEST YOU.

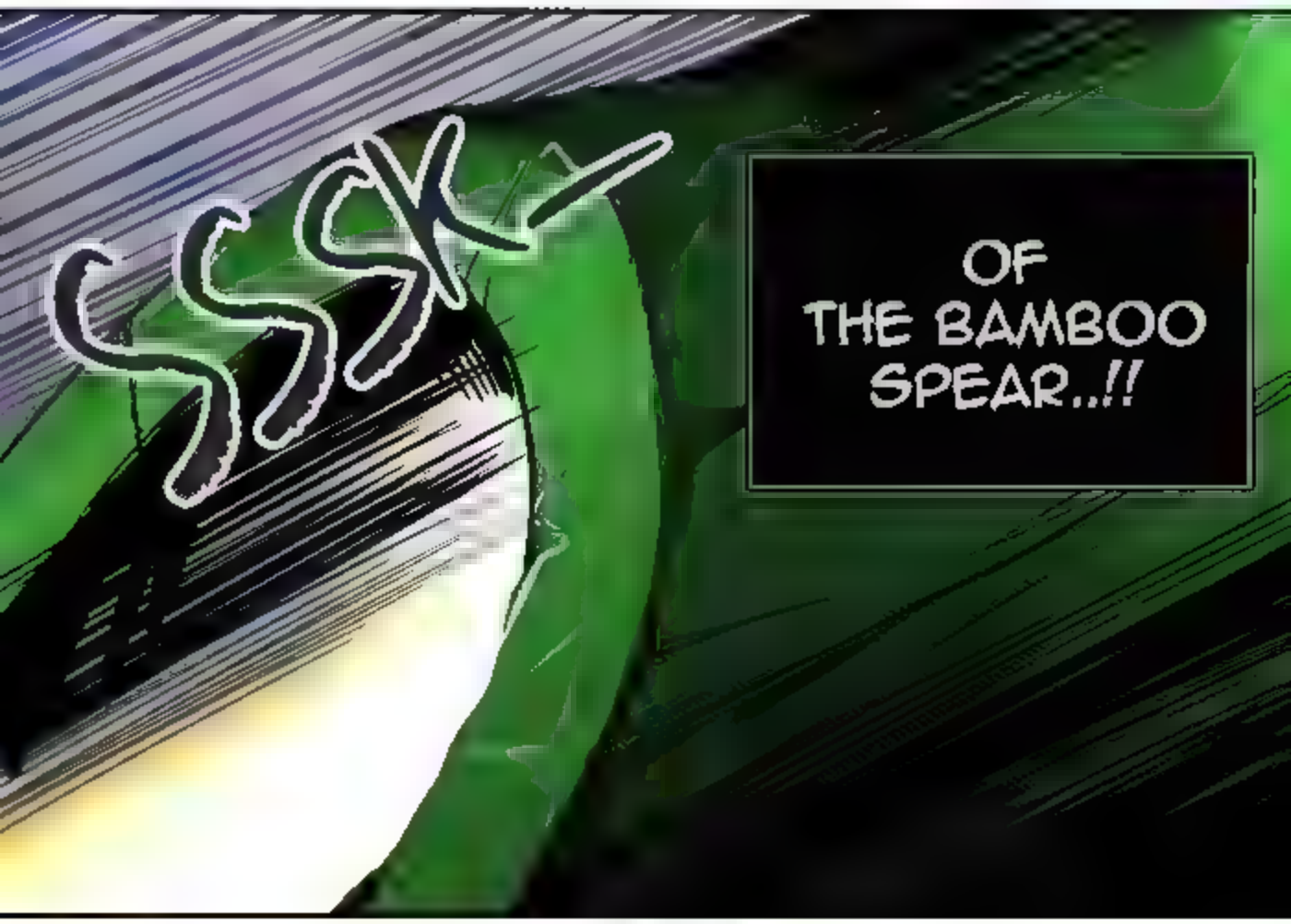
I...IT'S COMING!!
THE BAMBOO SPEAR IS COMING!!

WHAT'S.. YOUR POSITION?
I'M A WAVE CONTROLLER!
THEN YOU MUST BE ABLE TO USE SHINSU..!


SEND AS MUCH SHINSU AS YOU CAN RIGHT INTO THE CENTER OF THAT BAMBOO SPEAR!!
THERE'S NO WAY TO AVOID IT ANYWAY!!
THE ONLY WAY TO DESTROY IT IS TO AIM FOR THE EMPTY CENTER!!
WHAT?

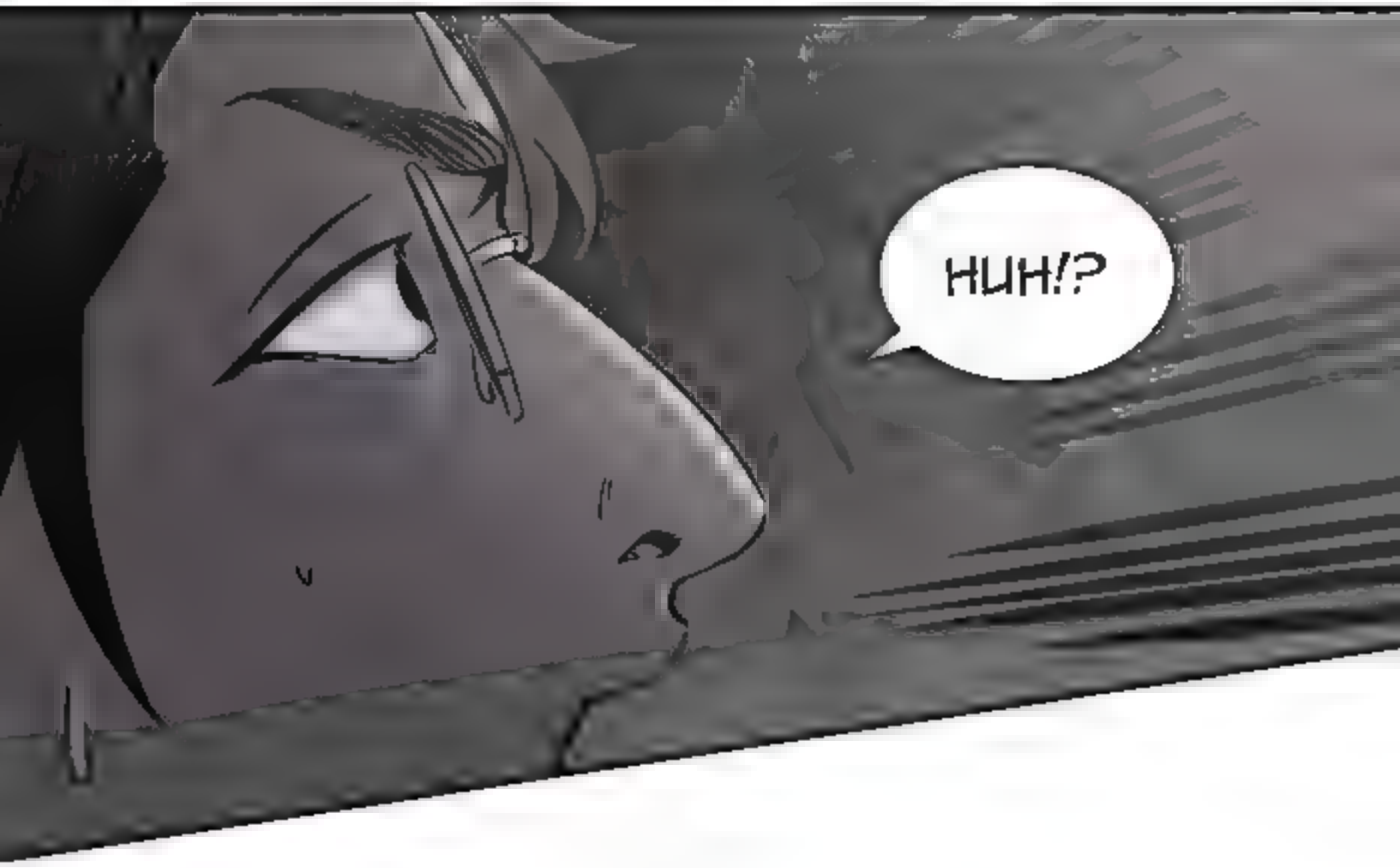
Y..YOU WANT ME TO ATTACK ITS EMPTY CENTER?
THAT'S THE 'CORE' OF THOSE BAMBOO SPEARS!! JUST TRUST ME!!
WOOSH

SHINSU BLACK-HOLE SPHERE-
SMASH THE CENTER..
FLISH-
FLISH-


SSSK
OF
THE BAMBOO
SPEAR..!!

KSSS

WITH AS MUCH SHINSU AS POSSIBLE...!!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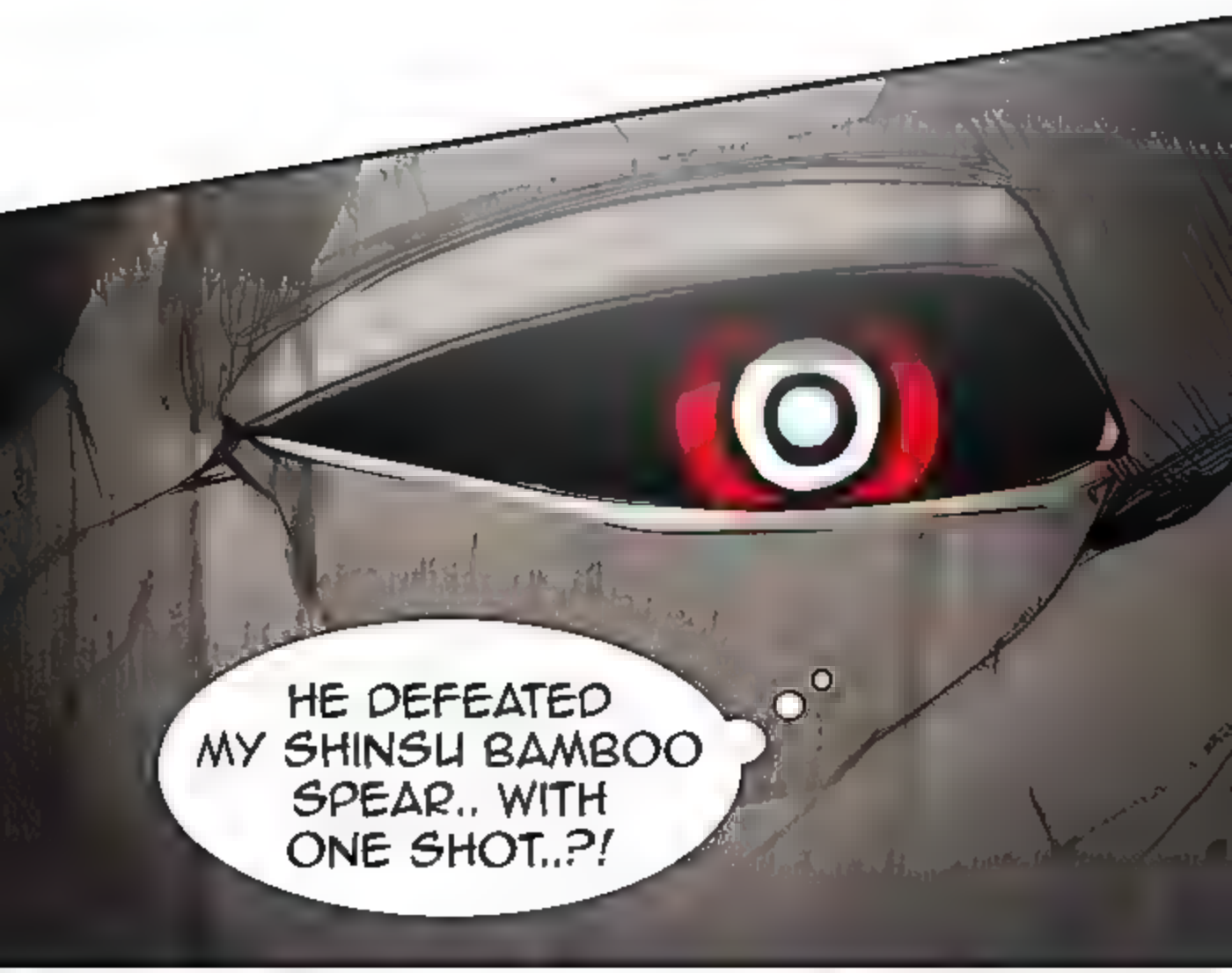

HE DEFEATED MY SHINSU BAMBOO SPEAR.. WITH ONE SHOT..?!

WHOA-

DID IT WORK..?
KSSSHHH
.....!!
JUST ONE SHOT OF SHINSU? HE DIDN'T LOOK THAT STRONG.

FLASH-
FLASH-
WHAT'S THAT SHINING SHINSU OVER THERE..?!

.....THAT IS SOME UNIQUE SHINSU.
I CAN SENSE ITS MYSTERIOUS POWER EVEN FROM THAT SINGLE SHOT.

A BOY WITH THE SOULS OF SEVERAL PEOPLE WITHIN HIS BODY,
WHO USES A MYSTERIOUS ITEM AND SHINSU..
THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SUSPICIOUS INTRUDER.

SHUN
I CANNOT ALLOW HIM ANY FURTHER INSIDE!!

THAT'S ENOUGH.
FINAL GATEKEEPER-
FLINCH
...?

YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO LET THEM INSIDE ALIVE.
..WHAT?

WHO SAID THAT.....?

THE HERMIT IN THE NORTH CITY.
'GARAM.'

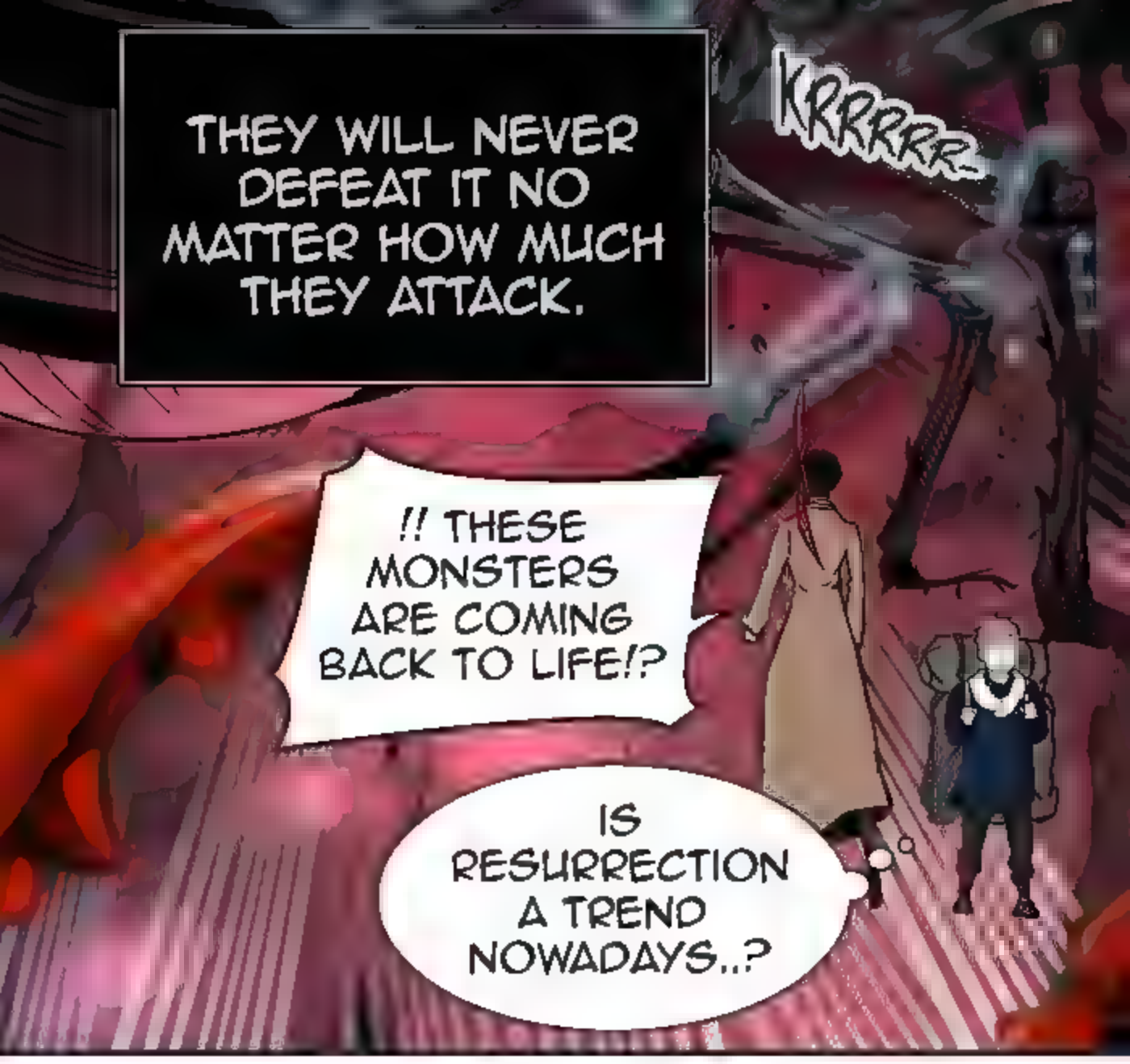
WHY WOULD SHE..
SUDDENLY TAKE INTEREST IN OUTSIDERS..?

CRASH

KSSH
KSH

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY BROKE THROUGH LEECH FALAWAN'S STRONG ARMOR SO EASILY.
KRRRR
THESE GUYS ARE MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN I THOUGHT.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.
KRR

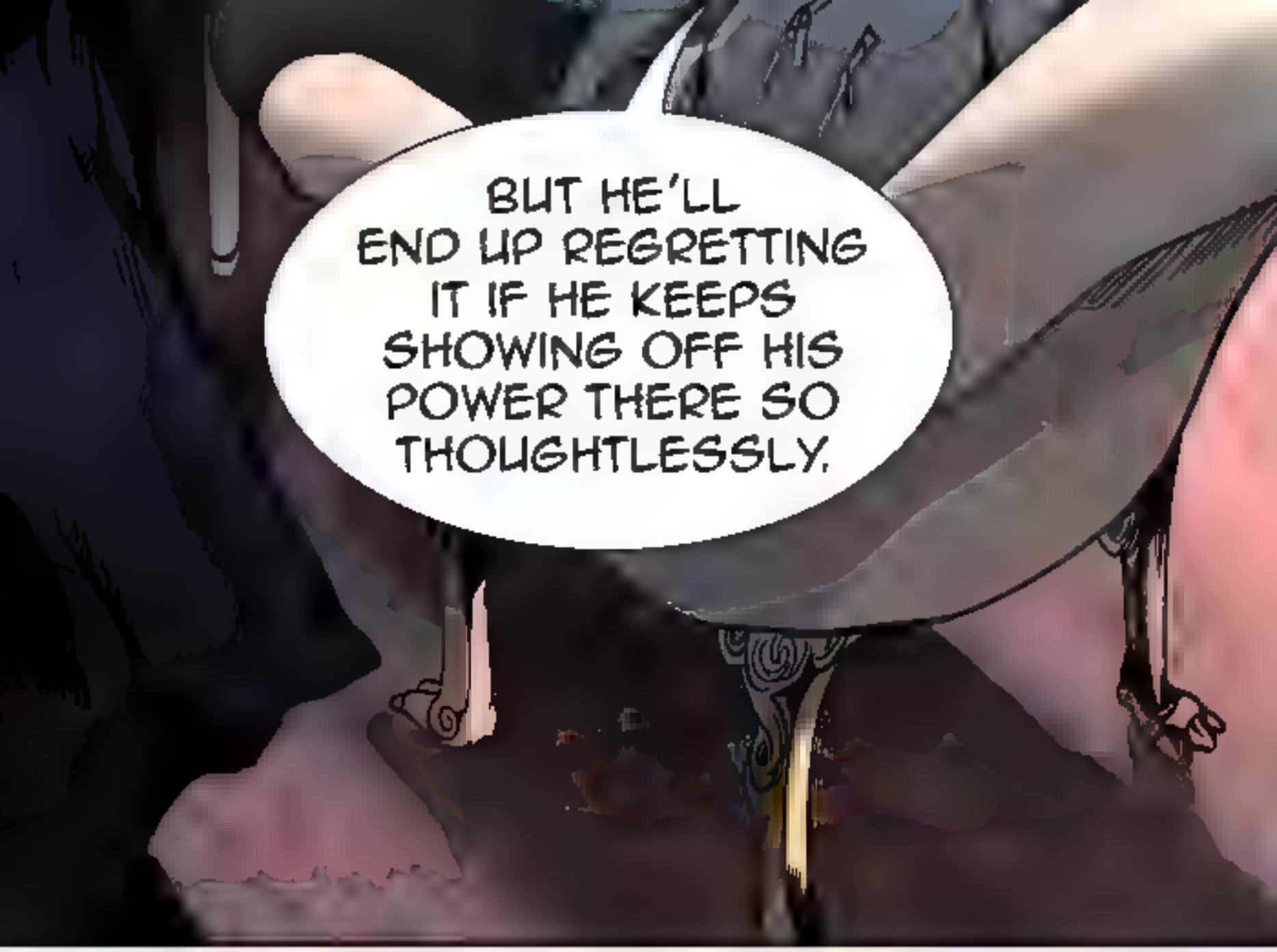
SHHHHH
KRRRRRRRRRR
LEECH FALAWAN IS IMMORTAL.


THEY WILL NEVER DEFEAT IT NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY ATTACK.
KRRRRR-
!! THESE MONSTERS ARE COMING BACK TO LIFE!?
IS RESURRECTION A TREND NOWADAYS..?

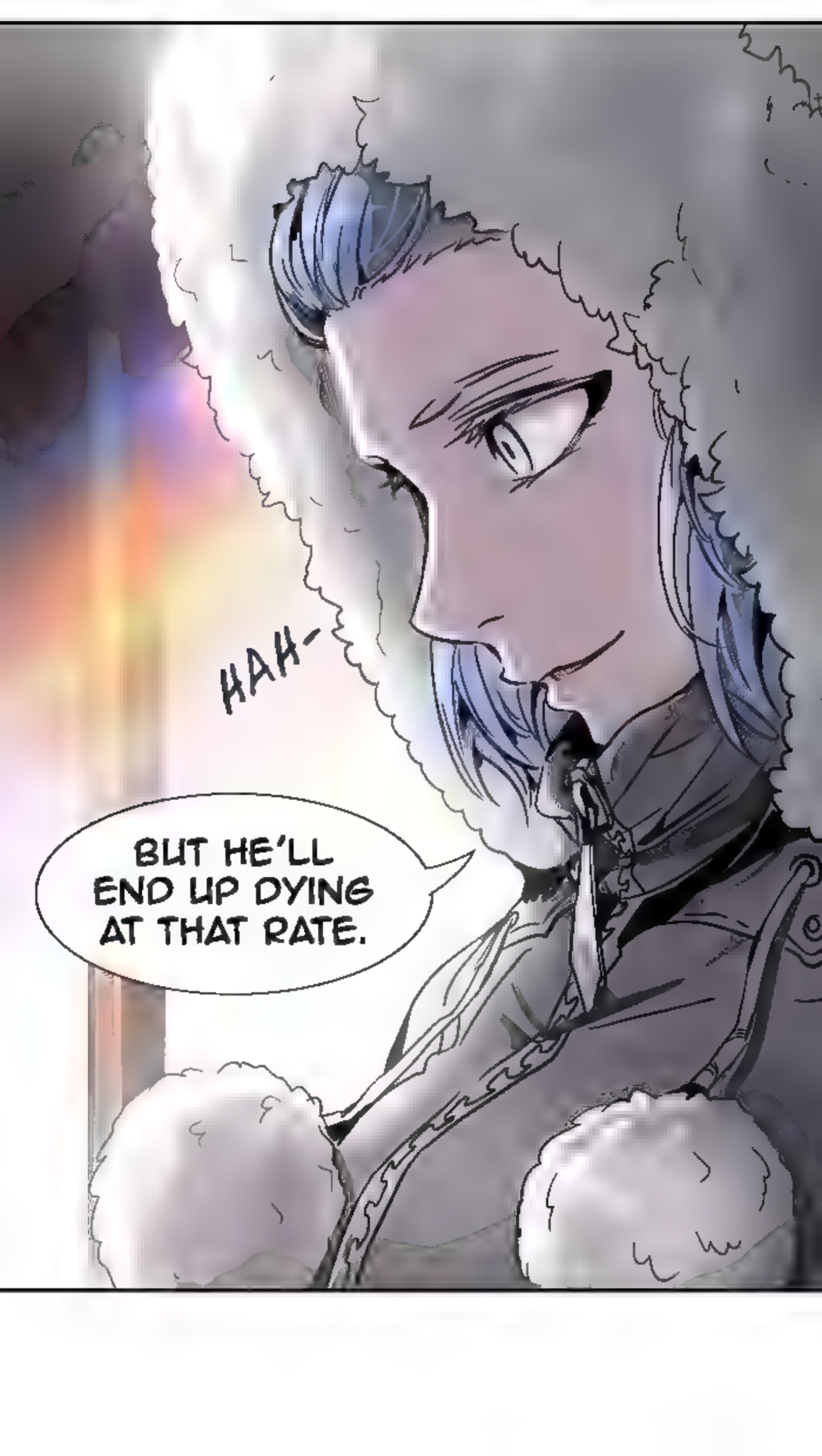
HM- THIS KID SURE IS PERSISTENT..

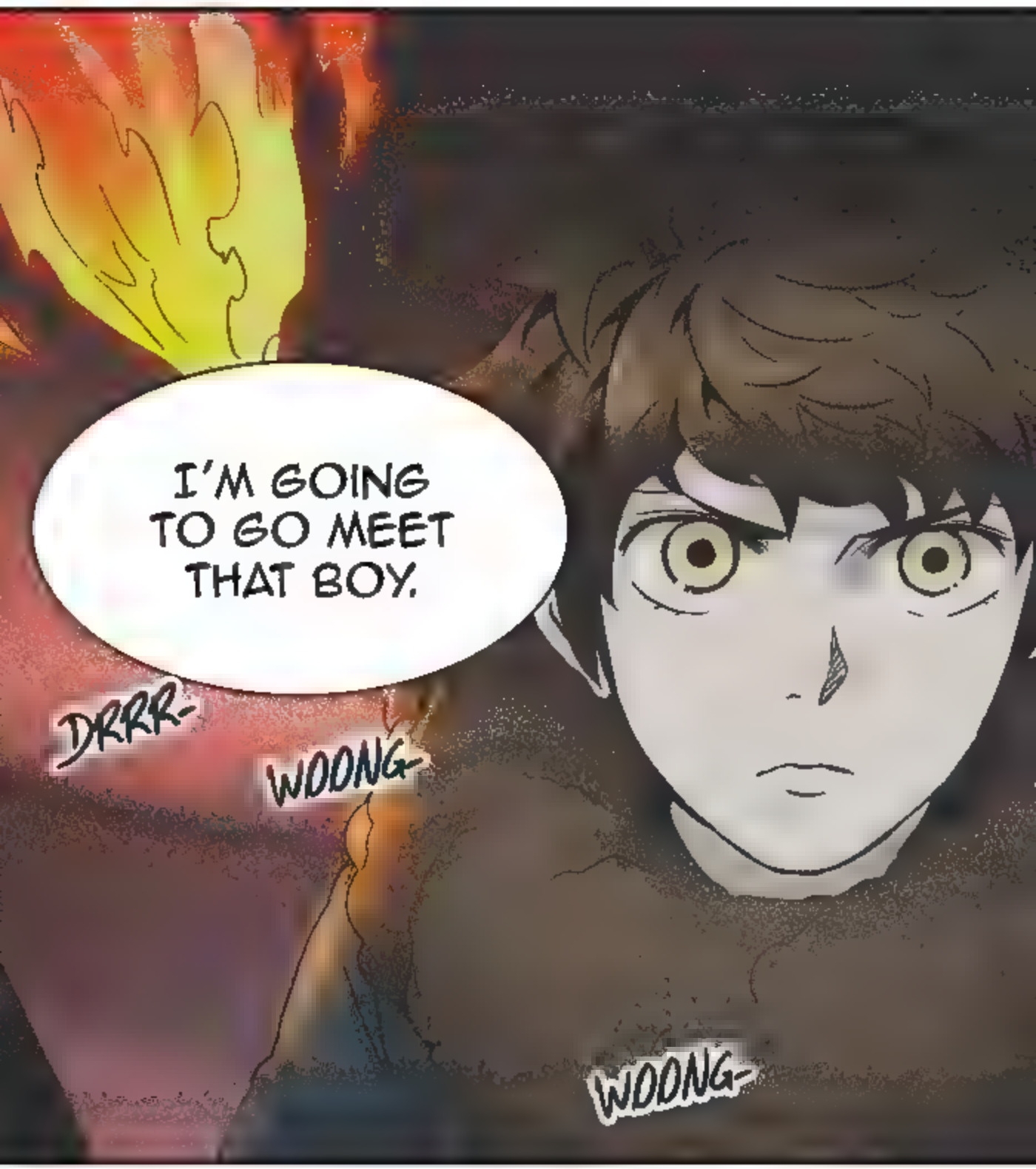
WDONG

WDONG

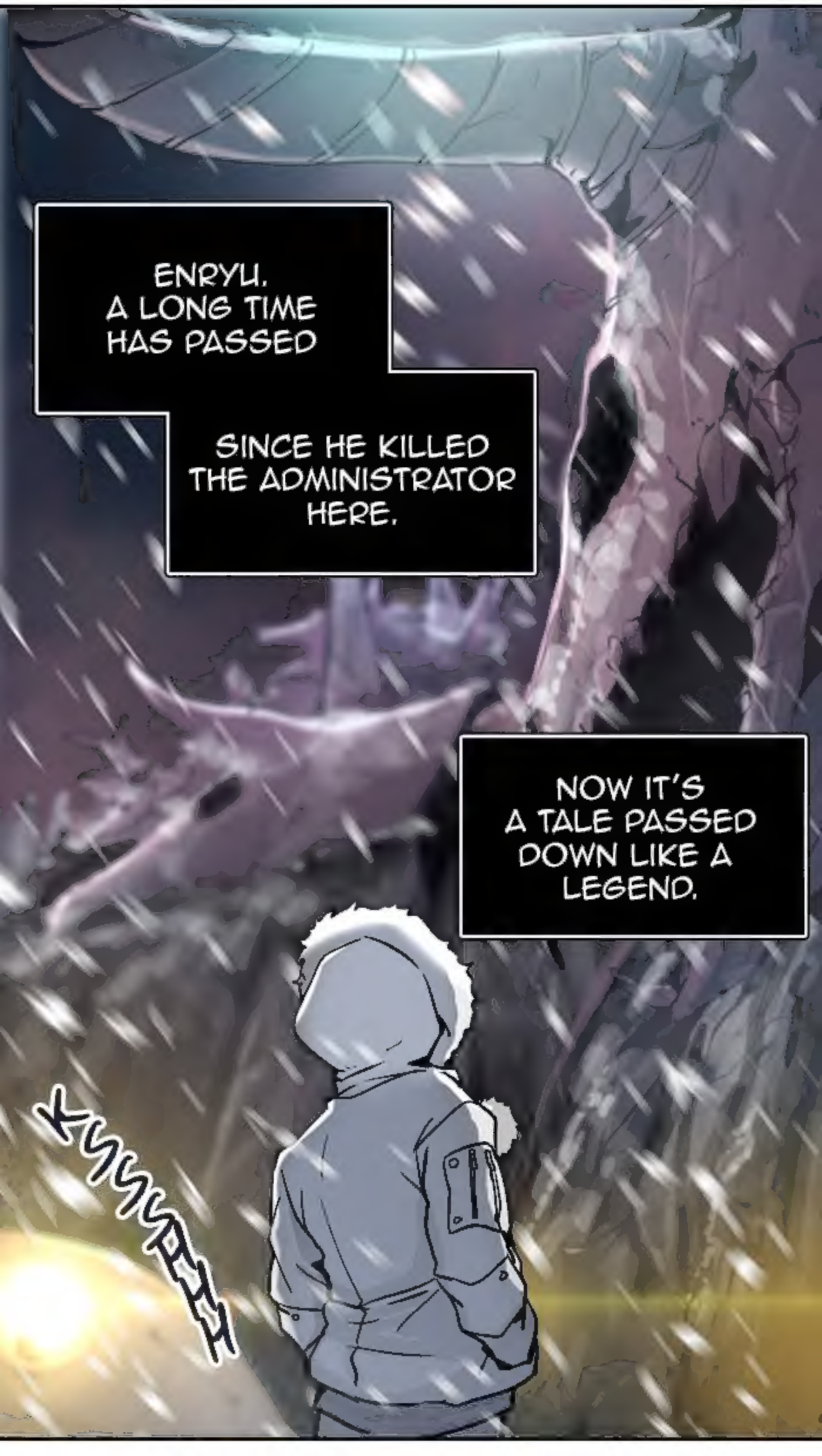

BUT HE'LL END UP REGRETTING IT IF HE KEEPS SHOWING OFF HIS POWER THERE SO THOUGHTLESSLY.

..WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO?
JUST LEAVE HIM.
THERE'S NO NEED TO SAVE HIM WHEN HE'S CHOOSING TO RUN IN HERE OF HIS OWN ACCORD.
HE SEEMS VERY CONFIDENT..


HAH-
BUT HE'LL END UP DYING AT THAT RATE.


I'M GOING TO GO MEET THAT BOY.
DRRR-
WOONG-
WOONG-

I WANT TO SEE FOR MYSELF
WHING-
WHETHER HE'S REAL OR NOT.


ENRYU.
A LONG TIME
HAS PASSED
SINCE HE KILLED
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NOW IT'S
A TALE PASSED
DOWN LIKE A
LEGEND.
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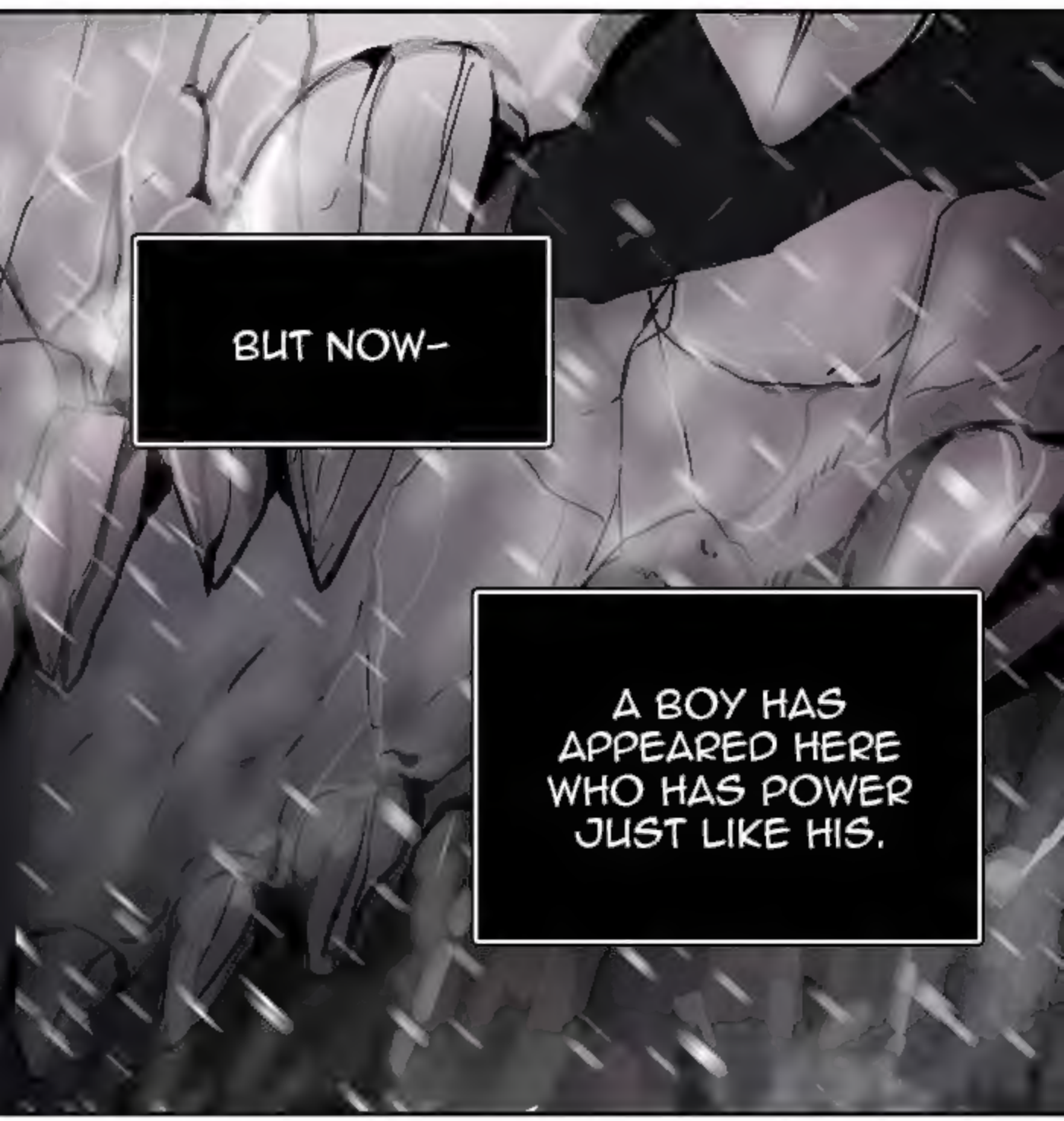
BUT NOW-
A BOY HAS APPEARED HERE WHO HAS POWER JUST LIKE HIS.

WHEW-
COULD THIS BE THE START OF ANOTHER TALE?
SHHH-

COULD THAT BOY REALLY CHANGE EVERYTHING..?

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